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The reply filed on 18 March 2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action because of the following omission(s) or matter(s): As indicated in the previous office action, the applicant received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, namely claim 7, drawn to an apparatus for communicating electrical signals over power transmission lines comprising electro-optical transducers and couplers which was constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Canceled claims 13-46 which were newly presented in the amendment, dated 26 August 2003 were drawn to a system of providing communications over an electric power system using modems were identified in the previous office action as patentably distinct over claim 7. It appears that new claims 47-85 in latest amendment dated 18 March 2004 are also drawn to a system of providing communications over an electric power system using modems. Therefore, claims 47-85 are withdrawn from consideration and since applicant canceled claim 7, which was elected by original presentation and was presented with a rejection by the Examiner, the amendment is held to be non-responsive because upon entry of the amendment the application contains no claims directed to the elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.111. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. **EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).**

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alessandro V. Amari whose telephone number is (571) 272-2306. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Drew Dunn can be reached on (571) 272-2312. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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